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'TOO SOON' TO TALK ABOUT AMENDING PUBLIC ORDER LAW  
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IT IS +A BIT TOO SOON+ TO TALK OF IMMEDIATELY AMENDING THE PUBLIC ORDER (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE WHICH WAS ENACTED LAST WEEK, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

+WE SHOULD SEE HOW THE LEGISLATION WORKS AND LOOK AT IT IN MORE DETAIL OVER THE MONTHS AND YEARS AHEAD,+ SAID SIR DAVID, SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE AT THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY'S TRAINING CENTRE IN ABERDEEN.

SIR DAVID SAID:+I DO THINK THAT LAST WEEK THE DEBATE TOOK PLACE IN GREAT DETAIL AND THERE WAS A VERY STRONG MAJORITY FOR THE DECISION NOT TO ADJOURN THE DEBATE AND TO CARRY ON WITH THE DEBATE.

+THE DEBATE WAS FINALLY PASSED ALSO WITH A VERY STRONG MAJORITY.+

ASKED IF HE THOUGHT THAT THE LEGISLATION WOULD BE REVIEWED IN A FEW YEARS TIME, SIR DAVID SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT ALWAYS LOOKED AT LEGISLATION.

+LEGISLATION IS CONTINUALLY BEING AMENDED AND REVIEWED,+ HE ADDED.

ASKED WHETHER THE PASSAGE OF THE BILL WOULD AFFECT PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, SIR DAVID SAID:+I DON'T SEE WHY IT SHOULD DESTROY CONFIDENCE IN THE SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AFTER ALL.

+THE REPRESENTATIVES IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST WEEK WERE VOTING ON THE MEASURE AFTER A VERY CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC DEBATE. SO IT SHOULD STRENGTHEN CONFIDENCE IN THE SYSTEM.+

ON REPORTS THAT THE JOURNALISTS WERE GOING TO LOBBY FOR OVERRULING THE ORDINANCE, SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT THAT WAS THEIR RIGHT.

+THAT IS THE RIGHT THAT WE ENJOY IN HONG KONG FOR FREEDOM OF SPEECH,+ HE SAID.

REPLYING TO ANOTHER QUESTION, SIR DAVID STRESSED THAT IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND REGIONAL COUNCIL SHOULD INFORM THEMSELVES THOROUGHLY OF ALL THE ISSUES INVOLVED AND ALL THE FACTS OF THE CASE.

+IT'S NOT GETTING THROUGH TO THEM YET. BUT IN FACT WE HAVE REMOVED A GREAT DEAL OF REPRESSIVE LEGISLATION IN REPEALING LEGISLATION LAST WEEK AND I DON'T THINK THAT FACT IS THOROUGHLY APPRECIATED YET,+ HE SAID.

/ON A SUGGESTION .....

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ON A SUGGESTION THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD COME OUT AND EXPLAIN THE MEANING OF THE LAW, SIR DAVID SAID THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAD GIVEN A VERY CLEAR EXPLANATION OF THE MEANING OF THE LAW AND THE WAY IT WOULD OPERATE IN HIS SPEECH LAST WEEK AND IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE PUBLIC SHOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO READ HIS SPEECH.

ASKED WHETHER THE QUEEN WOULD OVERRULE THE LAW, HE SAID:  
+IN VIEW OF THE VERY STRONG MAJORITY IN THE LEGISLATURE THAT PASSED THE LEGISLATION LAST WEEK, IT WOULD BE QUITE EXTRAORDINARY, I THINK, IF THE VIEWS OF THE HONG KONG LEGISLATURE WERE IGNORED.+

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ADVANTAGES OF INDUSTRIAL ESTATES HIGHLIGHTED  
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THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION (HKIEC) OFFER AN IDEAL LOCATION AND A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MANUFACTURERS TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN HONG KONG, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT A COCKTAIL RECEPTION MARKING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HKIEC, SIR DAVID SAID THE ECONOMIC TIDE IN HONG KONG WAS RUNNING STRONGLY AND FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN WERE RECOGNISING THE ADVANTAGES OF SETTING UP FACTORIES HERE.

+THE CORPORATION CAN EXPECT TO CONTINUE ITS VITAL ROLE OF PROVIDING THE NECESSARY LAND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR NEW AND EXPANDING SPECIAL FACTORIES IN HONG KONG+.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT THE HKIEC NOW HAD BEEN THROUGH ITS FORMATIVE DIFFICULT YEARS WHEN THE VALUE OF THE ESTATE TO THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR WAS NOT AS WELL DEVELOPED AS IT WAS NOW, AND WHEN THERE WERE MANY CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS THAT MADE IT DIFFICULT TO FACILITATE LAND SALES.

+THE CORPORATION HAS BEEN ABLE TO RESPOND QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY TO INDUSTRIAL DEMAND THAT IT HAS ACHIEVED AN ANNUAL AVERAGE OF 18 AGREEMENTS FOR LEASE FOR OVER 11 HECTARES OF LAND IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, COMPARED WITH AN AVERAGE OF LESS THAN FOUR HECTARES SOLD IN EACH OF THE PREVIOUS YEARS.+

+THERE ARE NOW 41 COMPLETED FACTORIES IN TAI PO WITH ANOTHER 19 UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND AFTER A SLOWER START THERE HAS BEEN AN UPSURGE OF INTEREST IN THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES WITH 10 SITES TOTALLING NINE HECTARES HAVING RECENTLY BEEN GRANTED, ON TOP OF THREE NEW SINGLE STOREY STANDARD FACTORIES RECENTLY COMPLETED BY THE CORPORATION.+

/SIR DAVID .....

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SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT WITHIN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE YEARS, ALL THE AVAILABLE LAND AT TAI PO WOULD HAVE BEEN DISPOSED OF AND THAT YUEN LONG WOULD BE ALREADY WELL-DEVELOPED.

HE ADDED THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE CORPORATION SHOULD NOT BE MEASURED WHOLLY IN FINANCIAL TERMS.

+THE CORPORATION THROUGH ITS SELECTION CRITERIA PROVIDES SITES FOR FACTORIES WHICH INTRODUCE TO HONG KONG NEW OR IMPROVED PRODUCTS AND PROCESSES AND IS THEREFORE INSTRUMENTAL IN ATTRACTING NEW AND IMPROVED TECHNOLOGY FROM ABROAD.

+IN ADDITION, THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES ALSO PROVIDE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS OF THE NEW TOWNS AND HENCE TOWARDS A MORE BALANCED MIX OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW TOWNS.+

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE RECEPTION WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CORPORATION, MR STEPHEN CHEONG.

HE SAID THE CORPORATION AND THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE WHETHER OR NOT A THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE HAD TO BE BUILT.

+THE MOMENT FOR DECISION MAY WELL BE REACHED WHEN THE WHOLE OF THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND HALF OF THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE HAVE BEEN FILLED UP.+

HE ADDED THAT SALES HAVE BEEN PICKING UP RAPIDLY OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, WITH ONLY 16 HECTARES LEFT AT TAI PO AND 54 HECTARES REMAINING AT YUEN LONG.

AS REGARDS THE ESTATES CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME, MR CHEONG SAID THE YUEN LONG ESTATE WAS COMPLETE AND WORK ON THE FINAL STAGE 3 AT TAI PO WAS EXPECTED TO BE FINISHED WITHIN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS, BRINGING TO AN END ALL PLANNED CAPITAL WORKS.

+THE CORPORATION HAS SPENT NO LESS THAN \$980 MILLION ON THIS FORMIDABLE AMOUNT OF WORK AND HAS ALREADY RECOVERED OVER \$400 MILLION FROM THE DISPOSAL OF LAND.

+I HAVE NO DOUBT WHATSOEVER THAT IN DUE COURSE THE FULL COSTS WILL BE RECOVERED AND THE OUTSTANDING LOANS FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND WILL BE FULLY REPAID,+ HE SAID.

MR CHEONG SAID HE ALSO BELIEVED THAT THE CORPORATION HAD ACHIEVED ITS OBJECTIVES OF BROADENING AND ENHANCING THE BASE OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS.

HE SAID THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES HAD WELL AND TRULY BECOME AN IMPORTANT MEDIUM BY WHICH HONG KONG ATTRACTED USEFUL TECHNOLOGIES.

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+THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES WERE CREATED TO PROVIDE SITES FOR THOSE MANUFACTURERS WHO COULD NOT OPERATE EFFICIENTLY IN ORDINARY MULTI-STOREY FACTORIES, AND WHOSE ACTIVITIES WOULD BROADEN THE BASE OF OUR INDUSTRIES EITHER THROUGH THE MANUFACTURE OF PRODUCTS NEW TO HONG KONG OR THROUGH THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW PROCESSES AND TECHNIQUES.

+TO DATE, ALMOST 50 FACTORIES HAVE BEEN BUILT AND ARE IN PRODUCTION ON THE TWO ESTATES, WHILST A FURTHER 30 SITES HAVE BEEN GRANTED ON WHICH FACTORIES ARE BEING BUILT OR WILL SHORTLY BE CONSTRUCTED.

+THESE FACTORIES PRODUCE A WIDE RANGE OF MANUFACTURES AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES, WHICH HELP TO BROADEN AND STRENGTHEN OUR INDUSTRIAL BASE AND OUR EXPORT PROSPECTS, BY VIRTUE OF BEING RELATIVELY NEW PRODUCTS AND THROUGH THE MAKING OF HIGH-PRECISION COMPONENTS AND PARTS.+

HE ADDED THAT THE CORPORATION HAD RECEIVED BETWEEN 20 AND 30 ENQUIRIES PER MONTH OVER THE PAST YEAR OR SO FROM WHICH ABOUT TWO OR THREE HAD RESULTED IN ACTUAL APPLICATIONS BEING MADE FOR SITES, WITH A RATE OF APPROVAL RUNNING AT ABOUT 85 TO 90 PER CENT.

+THE PAST TWO YEARS HAD BEEN THE DISPOSAL OF SOME 25 HECTARES OF LAND PLUS FIVE STANDARD FACTORIES,+ HE NOTED.

+THESE RESULTS ARE EXCELLENT, REFLECTING AS THEY DO A HEALTHY INVESTMENT CLIMATE, THE GENERAL BUOYANCY OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, AND THE ATTRACTION OF HONG KONG AS A MANUFACTURING CENTRE.+

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UPGRADING SKILLS OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS NEEDED  
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UPGRADING OF SKILLS WILL BE MORE AND MORE NECESSARY AS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS BECAME BIGGER AND MORE COMPLEX, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON.

OFFICIATING AT THE FOUNDATION STONE-LAYING CEREMONY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY'S THIRD TRAINING CENTRE IN ABERDEEN, HE SAID THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY HAD A GOOD YEAR IN 1986 WITH A 22 PER CENT INCREASE OVER 1985 IN THE TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA IN BUILDING PLANS WITH CONSENT TO COMMENCE WORK.

/AS CONSTRUCTION .....

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AS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS BECAME BIGGER AND MORE COMPLEX, SIR DAVID SAID, MANAGERS WERE REQUIRED TO USE A WIDE RANGE OF NEW TECHNIQUES TO MONITOR AND CO-ORDINATE THE PROGRESS OF PROJECTS.

MECHANISATION IN THE INDUSTRY ALSO INCREASED THE DEMAND FOR SKILLED WORKERS TO OPERATE ADVANCED MACHINES AND EQUIPMENT.

TO MEET THE INDUSTRY'S INCREASING NEEDS FOR ADVANCED SKILLS, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS GRATIFYING THAT THE TRAINING AUTHORITY WAS NOW RUNNING UPGRADING COURSES, INCLUDING ONE FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS.

+THE GOVERNMENT HAS LONG RECOGNISED THE NEED TO MAINTAIN A STEADY FLOW OF SKILLED WORKERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN DEVELOPMENT,+ HE SAID.

THAT WAS WHY THE GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY IN 1975 AND THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE ITS SUPPORT TO THE AUTHORITY IN THE FUTURE, HE SAID.

TURNING TO CONSTRUCTION SAFETY, SIR DAVID DESCRIBED THE RISING NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES AS +ONE CLOUD IN AN OTHERWISE CLEAR SKY+.

TO ENSURE THAT THE SAFETY OF WORKER RECEIVED THE NECESSARY ATTENTION FOR COMPANY MANagements, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD INTRODUCED REGULATIONS REQUIRING THE EMPLOYMENT OF SAFETY OFFICERS AND SAFETY SUPERVISORS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES.

+I KNOW THAT THE AUTHORITY FULLY RECOGNISES THE IMPORTANCE OF INCLUDING A STRONG EMPHASIS UPON SAFETY IN ALL ITS TRAINING PROGRAMMES,+ HE ADDED.

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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR STUDY ON NEW LANDFILL SITE

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AN AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED TODAY (MONDAY) BETWEEN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AND L.G. MOUCHEL AND PARTNERS (ASIA) FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT TO IDENTIFY THE MAJOR IMPACTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY RESULTING FROM THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A LANDFILL AT WONG MA HANG SHAN, TA KWU LING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION TO COMPREHENSIVE SITE INVESTIGATIONS, THE CONSULTANCY WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF ALL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND CONSTRAINTS, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF APPROPRIATE MITIGATORY MEASURES FOR INCORPORATION IN THE DETAILED DESIGN, SUBSEQUENT OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PROPOSED LANDFILL.

/THE CONSULTANCY .....

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THE CONSULTANCY WOULD SPECIFICALLY CONDUCT STUDIES ON VARIOUS ASPECTS INCLUDING PROVISION OF POTABLE AND IRRIGATION WATER SUPPLY FOR THE SURROUNDING VILLAGES, PROVISION OF ROAD ACCESS TO THE LANDFILL AND THE SURROUNDING VILLAGE AREAS, ALL NECESSARY CONTROLS NEEDED TO REDUCE NUISANCE ARISING FROM DUST, ODOUR, GAS, AND NOISE FROM LANDFILL OPERATIONS AND THE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF THE TA KWU LING AREA BY THE PROVISION OF A RURAL SERVICE CENTRE AND SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES.

IN DEVELOPING PROPOSALS FOR THE LANDFILL SITE, PARTICULAR ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS SO THAT PROGRESSIVE RESTORATION OF THE SITE IS ACHIEVED THUS ALLOWING A SWIFT RETURN TO ITS FINAL LAND USE PROBABLY FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

THE SITE INVESTIGATIONS AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY WOULD BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER THIS YEAR SO THAT THE PROPOSED LANDFILL COULD BE COMMISSIONED IN TIME TO REPLACE THE EXISTING NORTHEAST NEW TERRITORIES FACILITY AT SHUEN WAN BY EARLY 1990.

THE COST OF THE CONSULTANCY WITH RELATED SITE INVESTIGATIONS IS \$8 MILLION.

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CLOSURE OF KWAI CHUNG ILLEGAL STRUCTURES  
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING CLOSURE OF A NUMBER OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE FLAT ROOF ADJACENT TO FLAT F ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF 33-57 TAI PAK TIN STREET, KWAI CHUNG, SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED.

THIS FOLLOWS THE OWNERS' FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE IN JUNE 1985, REQUIRING DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURES.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COURT ON APRIL 29, WAS POSTED ON THE STRUCTURES TODAY (MONDAY).

DEMOLITION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDER IS OBTAINED.

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PLANS TO IMPROVE YUEN LONG NULLAH BUND ROADS  
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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO RE-CONSTRUCT AND WIDEN THE NULLAH BUND ROADS AND ANCILLARY DRAINAGE IN THE AREA OF SHAP PAT HEUNG IN YUEN LONG.

THE NARROW BUNDS ROADS, RUNNING ALONG THE YUEN LONG NULLAH BUND, HAVE NOW BECOME AN IMPORTANT ACCESS INTO THE HEAVILY-POPULATED VILLAGES NEARBY.

THE ROADS ARE CONSTANTLY USED BY PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, CARS AND LORRIES TRANSPORTING GOODS FROM THE VILLAGES TO YUEN LONG. AS HEAVY VEHICULAR USAGE HAS CAUSED DAMAGE TO THE EXISTING ROAD IT IS PROPOSED TO WIDEN AND STRENGTHEN THE ROAD TO CURRENT HIGHWAY STANDARDS.

EXISTING SERVICES AND UTILITIES SUCH AS WATER MAINS, GAS MAINS, ELECTRIC CABLES AND DUCTS AND TELEPHONE CABLES AND DUCTS LYING WITHIN THE LIMITS OF OR ADJACENT TO THE WORKS AREA MAY HAVE TO BE REMOVED OR REPOSITIONED.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

ANY OBJECTION TO THE WORKS OR THE USE, OR BOTH, SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BY MAY 12.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS YUEN LONG GAS EXPLOSION  
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MEMBERS OF THE TOWN PLANNING AND AREA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE GAS EXPLOSION INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED RECENTLY AT FUNG KAM STREET AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THEY WILL BE BRIEFED BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CONCERNED ON DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT, WHICH RESULTED IN FOUR CASUALTIES= AND THE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO BE TAKEN IN FUTURE.

AT TOMORROW'S MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE DRAFT SAN TIN LAYOUT PLAN AND HA MEI SAN TSUEN EDGE AREA LAYOUT PLAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, YUEN LONG.

MEANWHILE, THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED ON MARCH 20, HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO 3.30 PM ON MARCH 27 (FRIDAY).

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BRIEFING ON CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES  
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A BRIEFING ON THE PROPOSED EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 880-886, KING'S ROAD.

EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BOWEN LEUNG, WILL EXPLAIN THE PROPOSED CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES AND THE NUMBER OF ELECTED SEATS FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION NEXT YEAR.

MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT'S 12 AREA COMMITTEES WILL ATTEND THE BRIEFING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BRIEFING TOMORROW AT 7.30 PM.

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SAI KUNG YOUTH NEEDS TO BE DISCUSSED  
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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS A SURVEY ON YOUTH NEEDS ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF FREE EYE CHECK-UPS FOR THE ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT AND THE APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW AT 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATION  
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MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO CONSIDER A FUND APPLICATION FOR ORGANISING A SECONDARY SCHOOL ADVANCEMENT EXHIBITION.

THE EXHIBITION, TO BE HELD ON APRIL 26, AIMS AT PROVIDING GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION FOR PRIMARY SIX STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

/IN ADDITION, .....

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IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A MOTION BY A COMMITTEE MEMBER, MR DIK CHI YUEN, URGING THE GOVERNMENT TO BUILD A DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN NORTH DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW AT 9.30 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

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NEW ADDRESS FOR POST OFFICE BRANCH

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THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH OF THE POST OFFICE (EXCEPT THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS IMPORT-EXPORT CLASSIFICATION CENTRE AND THE SPECTRUM MONITORING SECTION) WILL MOVE TO ITS NEW OFFICE ON MONDAY (MARCH 23), A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

THE NEW OFFICE IS LOCATED ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF SINCERE BUILDING, 173 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG, TELEPHONE 5-8529600.

THE EXISTING BUSINESS HOURS OF THE BRANCH WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS IMPORT-EXPORT CLASSIFICATION CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING AND THE SPECTRUM MONITORING SECTION IN KWUN TONG WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ITS SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC AS USUAL. BOTH THEIR TELEPHONE NUMBERS 5-236093 AND 3-895226 WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 51.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 301.465 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 321.598 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 54.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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